

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entered into any agreement to engage the services of nuclear scientists from the erstwhile Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cauvery IV Stage Water Supply Scheme

6683. SHRI G. MADE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Planning Commission to include Cauvery IVth State Water Supply Scheme for Bangalore city in the Eighth Plan;

(b) whether the Planning Commission propose to include the same in the Eighth Plan to meet the demand for water supply of Bangalore city by 200 AD; and

(c) if so, the estimated expenditure of the proposed Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Government of Karnataka have included Cauvery Stage-IV (Phase-I) Water Supply Scheme for Bangalore City in their draft Eighth Plan Document. No Project Report on this scheme, has however, been received in the Planning Commission as yet.

(b) The Working Group on Water Supply and Sanitation for Karnataka, in its meeting held in the Planning Commission on 16.12.1991 have accepted this project for inclusion in the State's Eighth Plan.

(c) The estimated cost of Cauvery Water Supply Scheme Stage-IV (Phase-I) is Rs. 490 crores to bring in 60 MGD of water by 1997-98. The project is proposed to be financed by State Govt., LIC, HUDCO, Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore Development Authority and other Defence Establishments. The draft Eighth Plan of Karnataka included an outlay of Rs. 89.89 crores under State Plan for this project.

Change in Parameters of Haldia Project

6684. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the new item captioned 'IFC' to study Haldia Project afresh' appearing in the Observer of Business & Politics' New Delhi dated January 28, 1992; and

(b) if so, the latest position regarding the proposed changes in the parameters of this project and the stage at which it stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Government has been the news item which appeared in the Business & Politics Observer dated 28.1.1992.

(b) As per the revised Parameters indicated by M/s. Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. (HPL), the project is proposed to be implemented in phases. The Cracker will have an initial capacity of 200,000 TPA of Ethylene with facility to increase it later to 300,000

TPA. Governemnt approvals for foreign collaboration and import of capital goods for Naphtha Crackers, HDPE and Polypropylene projects have since been received by the Company.

Committee to Suggest Reduction in Government Expenditure

6685. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

'a) whether the Governemnt have appointed a Committee to indicate the areas where the Governemnt expenditure can be reduced,

(b) if so, the details regarding its terms of reference, compositon, tenure;

(c) wheher the Committee has submit-

ted its recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Union Government on each of these recommendations?

THE MINSITER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of terms of reference, composition and tenure of the Committee are given in the office order as per statement attached.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

No. 17/4/91-FR
Government of India
Planning Commission

'Yojana Bhavan'
Sansad Marg,
New Delhi.

Dated 19th February, 1992.

ORDER

Subject: Setting up of Committee of the National Development Council (NDC) on Austerity).

The National Development Council (NDC) in its meeting held on 23rd and 24th December, 1991 has decided to set up a Committee of the National Development Council on Austerity.

2. A Committee of the NDC on Austerity is, accordingly, constituted as under:

1. Shri Biju Patnaik, C.M. Orissa - Chairman